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Sir:

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF **HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a)**

Applicants respectfully petition, through their attorney of record, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks for reconsideration of the holding of abandonment under MPEP § 711.03.

The application was held to be abandoned for failure to respond to the Office Action dated August 5 2002. For the reasons set forth below, it is submitted that the holding of abandonment should be withdrawn.

Specifically, on November 2, 2002, applicants attorney mailed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (the "Office") certain Papers including inter alia: (i) an Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 in response to the August 5, 2002 Office Action; (ii) an Amendment Transmittal Letter; (iii) claim sheets depicting amended claims 1 and 28 and including claims 7, 14-18, 20, 25, and 29-39[without markings]; (iv) claim sheets depicting amended claims 1 and 28 and including claims 7, 14-18, 20, 25, and 29-39 [with markings to show changes made]; and (v) a return-address post listing each of the above items (i) through (iv). As set forth on the Amendment Transmittal Letter, the Papers were certified to have been deposited with the United States Postal

Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on November 2, 2002.

Applicants' attorney, Ernest D. Buff, hereby states on the basis of his own personal knowledge that he was the person that prepared each of the Papers contained by the Response to the August 5, 2002 Office Action, and that he prepared, signed and dated the certification in the Amendment Transmittal Letter, and that the Papers were deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner For Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231. In addition, applicant's attorney, Ernest D. Buff, hereby states that it was he, Ernest D. Buff, that personally deposited the aforesaid first class mail envelope containing the Papers with the United States Postal Service by handing the aforesaid envelope to a uniformed postal carrier employed by the United States Postal Service and authorized thereby to deliver and receive mail. The Office received these papers on November 6, 2002, as evidenced by the aforesaid return-address post card bearing the Office date-stamp. However, applicants' attorney hereby states that the postcard was one of the Papers contained by the envelope that he personally deposited with the United States Postal Service on November 2, 2002. Copies of the return-address post card and each of the aforesaid Papers are enclosed herewith.

In light of the timely submission of applicants' Amendment in response to the August 5, 2002 Office Action, Applicants submit that the holding of abandonment was erroneous and should be withdrawn pursuant to MPEP § 711.03, which authorizes reconsideration of such a holding. Accordingly, reconsideration of the holding of abandonment, reinstatement of the application and entry of the November 2, 2002 Amendment are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account 01-1125 the

\$110 fee associated with this Petition For Reconsideration Of Holding Of Abandonment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a), together with any additional fees that the Commissioner may deem to be required. This form is submitted herewith in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted, David M. Nathasingh et al.

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